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from: international transport workers' federation (itf), London

to: the government of finland

we refer to our telex message dates 14 september 1983 in which expressed concern at the fact that the finnish national board of navigation had decided to permit ships of 1600 grt and above to abandon

the 500 khz radiotelegraph safety system required by the present solas convention that protects seafarers in distress.

we have been advised that despite our previous request that the decision be rescinded the exemptions from solas continue. the itf congress held in madrid in october 1983 called on all maritime unions

affiliated with the itf to inform their administrations that their members will not undertake any duties normally performed by the radio officer/radio electronic officer and will not operate the fgmdss. in view of the lack of a positive response to our previous telex and the present situation as reported to

us we wish

to repeat that your actions are in conflict with itf policy on this matter and that we are now contemplating how best to rectify the situation. your urgent response to our previous request is respectfully solicited.

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copy to:

finnish board of navigation, finnish radio officers union, finnish seamen's union, finnish engineers' union, finnish deck officers' union, finnish pilots' union.